

Mpumalanga Falconry Club

Yes! It is that time of the year, falconry season has begun! After last year's disappointments with lost hawks in all kinds of ways we can forget about the past in start with a new experience.

Thomas Holder started early with his new Black sparrow hawk musket and has taken quite a number of quarry. George McAllister trapped a peregrine falcon which he swapped for a captive bred falcon from Tim Wagner. The bird will be used later in Tim' breeding program. George will also be flying a peregrine teircel taken from his breeding pen, and Cilla who is looking really good. The Falcon from George' breeding program has been passed on to Charles Sadler who will take her up after the molt. Charles is flying a lanneret that came from Ben Hoffman. The youngster had a broken wing and is doing quite well. Steven van Rensburg is flying his Black Spar musket. Marile Sadler was given an Afgos musket from George whom she will use in a breeding program with her Afgos female of last year. Mark Bett is flying his peregrine falcon for a 3rd season and said he really had a good season last year. Mark Holder will be flying his black sparrow hawk musket. Paul Felone got a new African goshawk from Mpumalanga nature conservation. The bird was in a small accident but is doing well now with Paul. Ross Leslie, Richard Hay and Hannes Grobber are flying Jackal buzzards. The " Porra" Romario Consalves will be flying Jacqueline the famous jackal buzzard for a second season. Jacqueline made name by taking spring hare and out doing the hawk eagles at the last SAFA meet. Nathan Cook will be flying an afgos. Graeme Shutler is flying a greater kestrel that came from Dullstroom bird of prey centre.

We have a few new members in the club and we hope to see them succeed.

We have started a hunting dog interest group last year. This year we had our first get together on the 12 of March. Our aim is to get together and help each other and new members train and appreciate our hunting buddies (ok yes and to drink beer and braai). We have a big interest group and even a lot of people not related to falconry or the club. At our last get together we had a guest speaker Evett Fraser who is a field trial judge and competitor she is also the chairlady of the Central field trail club. It was a great day with dogs and owners having fun and gaining a few pointers. Thanks to Thomas Holder who is the organizer of these events.

Our clubs Mini meet will be held on the 23-25 of June at Paul Felone's farm.

Regards

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